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We Want Hop Pickers

to know that we have in our complete stock ready for their inspection. New Dress Goods, Shoes, Blankets, Underwear, Umbrellas, Sweater Coats, Outing Flannels, New Gingham, Calicos. We wish to call your special attention to our line of

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats

We have made special effort to have the latest and best values in Coats we have ever shown. Every garment is new. We carried over one Ladies' coat from last year. Pick out your winter wrap while the picking is good.

Yours for business,

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(LINES IN OREGON)

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all points on its lines including branches, will be

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NEWS OF POLK COUNTY

ITEMS CONTRIBUTED BY RUSTLING LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Happenings of Interest in Various Neighborhoods Told in Interesting Manner.

AIRLIE

All business houses were closed on Labor Day.

Walter Maxfield and son were in Airlie, Monday.

The Brown threshing finished the season's work Monday.

Link Allen, of Kings Valley, was in Airlie on business Monday.

L. C. Coughy went on a business trip to Portland last Tuesday.

William Shewey is busily engaged in building C. Simpson's new house.

A small meteor passed through space last Sunday about 12:30 p. m.

A shower of rain fell in and around Airlie last Tuesday afternoon.

The hop pickers began picking in the Jones & Young yard Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Byerly, of Falls City, are visiting Mrs. Byerly's mother, Mrs. W. D. Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Harrington spent Sunday in Falls City, visiting friends and relatives.

A valuable calf belonging to William Barker was badly cut by barbed wire a few days ago.

Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong are going to work in Simpson's logging camp for a month or more.

Miss Irene Poling, of The Dalles, is visiting at the home of C. E. Staats and Dr. W. C. Staats.

Mrs. Walter Maxfield and daughter, Alice, are picking hops in Tom Fennell's yard at Independence.

The Economy threshing crew finished last Tuesday. All are tired of threshing and are glad that it is over.

Lionel Williams, the boy who was hurt at Simpson's logging camp, will soon recover from his injuries. He is able to walk now.

Riley Mathany is busily caring for his hops, having commenced picking last Monday. Picking began in the Byerly hop yard Tuesday.

Mrs. E. W. Murphy, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Portwood, left for her home in Los Angeles last Saturday morning.

Homer Link began picking his hops Wednesday. Picking was commenced in the Matney yard Friday. Mr. Matney takes a hay-rack load from Airlie every morning and brings them home in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Rose and daughter, Etta, of Seattle, are visiting his mother, Mrs. W. D. Rose. Another son, Burs Rose, of Philomath, accompanied by his wife and daughter, is also visiting at the home of his mother.

Marion Waters was kicked in the mouth by one of his old horses last Friday. He was turning his horses out to pasture, when one whirled and kicked him. He was knocked down and several of his teeth were broken and his mouth badly cut. The force of the blow rendered him unconscious and he remained where he fell for a considerable length of time. The injuries are not serious.

POLK

Marla Enns is on the sick list again. Prune drying is already well under way.

D. D. Nachtengal went to Portland last Monday.

S. W. Eldridge sold his prunes to Tillon, of Salem, at 60 cents a bushel.

Some of the prune men of this vicinity are having trouble in getting enough help to take care of their crops.

The prune dryer of Peter Reddecoep was totally destroyed by fire September 1. The loss is estimated at from \$200 to \$250.

Zena—Spring Valley

S. H. Barker has rented his farm to R. C. Shepard.

Joseph Hunt, of West Salem, was in Zena, Monday.

Jacob Gilbert, of Shaw, was a Spring Valley visitor Sunday.

E. H. French and Jesse French have rented P. F. Clarke's farming land.

Miss Loraine Prakes, of Portland, visited friends in Spring Valley last week.

Mrs. Jessie Holland, of Portland, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Phillips.

Picking is in progress in most of the Spring Valley hop yards, having commenced Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Crawford spent Saturday and Sunday in Salem with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Crawford.

The Stratton threshing machine threshed Tuesday for Monroe Purvine—the last threshing of the season.

MONTGOMERY

Fred Johnson was in Dallas last Wednesday on business.

Cricket Bevens finished hauling hay on his hill ranch Friday.

Will Jones, of Monmouth, is visiting in the valley for a few days.

Grandma Hannum is recovering as rapidly as could be expected, considering her age.

Mrs. Nellie Turner is expected to return some time next week on account of her mother's sickness.

Marion Waters got kicked in the mouth Friday morning as he was turning one of his horses loose.

The Ritter, Hannum & Womer

thresher is in McTimmonds Valley, threshing for Will Bronson and Harry Blodgett.

Mr. Calkins is camping on the Lackamute and putting in the logs cut by Will Bush and Mr. Edmonson on the Fred Johnson place.

Mrs. Kemp, who has been helping take care of Grandma Hannum, returned to the home of her son, Frank, Sunday, and will pick hops for Walter Norton.

Homer Link began picking his hops last Thursday. He has a fine yard. Marion Waters is the yard boss and Buford Bush oversees the drying for him and the Matthews yard.

RICKREALL

Porter Cadle went to Portland, Sunday.

Peter Cook returned from Scio, Friday.

Mrs. Peterson, of Scio, is visiting at Sherwood's.

Picking was finished in the H. C. Fox yard Monday.

Mrs. Jennie Jones returned from Perrydale, Monday.

Peter Cook left for Portland, Saturday, with his horses.

Orval Price and John Vaughan went to Dallas, Saturday.

Mrs. A. M. Jones, of Portland, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clark and daughter returned from Springfield, Friday.

Mrs. Peter Cook and Miss May Price were visitors in Independence, Sunday.

Mrs. Thad Lucas and two children, of Tillamook, came over Saturday for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkland, of Independence, visited their daughter, Mrs. John Vaughan, Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Vaughan and Mrs. Gerfin visited their mother, Mrs. Kirkland, in Independence, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Clark returned to their home in Portland, Monday, after a short visit with his parents.

Cecil Kiser, of Waitsburg, Washington, who has been visiting at the Gibson farm, left for home Monday.

PERRYDALE

John Duignan was a passenger on the morning train to Portland.

Miss Ida Duignan returned home Thursday from a visit in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead, of Salem, were visitors at Lee Conner's, Sunday.

Mr. Huffman, of Carlton, was a Sunday visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrison.

Mrs. Jones has returned to her home in Rickreall, after a visit with her son, Charles Bratcher.

Misses Manda and Lena Key visited a few days last week with their aunt, Mrs. Plankinton, at Bridgeport.

Miss Hazel Roland, who has been assisting Mrs. G. McGraw with her housework, returned to her home Wednesday.

The moving picture show that was here a month ago has come back, and announces that there will be a show every Wednesday night.

Miss Ruth Cook will go to Dallas, Wednesday, to assist with the housework at the home of P. VanNortwick while Mrs. VanNortwick goes to Illinois to bring her invalid sister to Oregon.

INDEPENDENCE

Miss Rowena Sperling has returned from Portland.

D. A. Hodge, of Salem, visited in Independence, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Brien, of Salem, were in town Sunday.

J. McCredie, of Corvallis, visited here a few days during the week.

Zade Riggs and a party of friends were over from Salem, Sunday, in his automobile.

D. Dickinson, of Seattle, is visiting his father, I. Dickinson. He drove down in an auto.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson and little son have returned from Newport, where they spent several weeks.

Miss Maude Patterson will leave for Vancouver, Washington, Friday, where she will teach again this winter.

Miss Emma Henkle and Miss Jean Seeley have gone to Condon, Oregon, where they will teach again this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cloverdale and two children, of Los Angeles, are visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. S. Earhart.

Miss Marguerite Hodge has gone to Newberg, where she has a position in the office of the Spaulding Logging Company.

W. H. Staats of Bend, Oregon, was a recent visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. E. Hubbard, having made the trip in an automobile.

Mrs. Sarah Young is out from her home in the Siletz district for a few days' visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. Caggett. She was also a Portland visitor for a few days. Mrs. Young has recently made final proof on her homestead.

The funeral of the late T. B. Huntley was held at the home of his son, W. Huntley, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Huntley was born in Rock Island, Illinois, and was an Oregon pioneer, having crossed the plains when 15 years old. He has resided in Independence 10 years. He served as County Road Master for several years. One daughter, Mrs. Minnie Burnett, of Portland, and the following sons survive him: Charles, Wallace and James, of Independence; George and Benjamin, of Portland.

AMERICAN BOTTOM

Mr. Wood is drying and haling hops in Walter Wells' hop house.

Mr. Sturtevant, who owns the Rice place, is here helping with the hops.

Wood Brothers, Placerville, and Shoppers are getting along nicely with their hops.

Shoper Brothers put down an excellent well for Mr. Sturtevant a few days ago. It is greatly appreciated by the people on the ranch.

Walter Wells, the amateur bookkeeper

er and photographer, is prepared to furnish his patrons with good honey and photos, especially postcards and groups.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bierce have planned for some time to visit Dallas and old friends from Nebraska, but have been working too steadily in the grain and hops to get away.

Everybody is harvesting hops here at present except Dick McCarter, who has not secured enough pickers for a crew. His few pickers are picking in the Rice yard for Roy Bierce, who is also very short-handed. Come every one who is idle, or can possibly get away, and help the people harvest their hops. We have the finest camping grounds in Polk County and a lake which abounds in large, gamey bass, catfish, and other varieties of fish. The hops are as good as can be found anywhere.

PARKER

Miss Frances Lacey is in Independence.

Donald Bolter visited in Parker last week.

Look out for a wedding in the near future.

Clay Bush finished picking his hops Tuesday.

The farmers hereabouts are all busy hauling in the grain.

Gust Frederickson finished threshing Thursday noon.

Ralph Davidson went to Independence, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Zelesch were Independence visitors Sunday.

Dixon's machine is still threshing between here and Buena Vista.

George Dickinson's clover huller moved to the Zelesch farm Friday.

Lida Davidson returned to Portland, Wednesday, on the afternoon train.

George McLaughlin attended Sunday school and church here Sunday.

H. L. Akerliff, of Oregon City, was transacting business here the first of the week.

Fred Frederickson and P. T. Peterson were business visitors in Independence, Monday.

Grandma Davidson and Mrs. Frederickson were visitors in Independence, Wednesday.

Charlie Smith and Clay Bush need more hop pickers. They picked three days to get two kins.

Mr. Herberg, of McMinnville, was a guest at the home of A. B. Lacey, Sunday, and attended church here.

Mr. Murdoch and family, of Monmouth, are camped here while picking hops. Mr. Murdoch is the yard boss.

Rev. H. G. McCain preached here Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Frederickson united with the church here in the morning and were received into full membership at Buena Vista in the evening.

EOLA

R. W. Hogg is building a new barn. Threshing will probably be finished this week.

Hop picking commenced in nearly all of the yards last Monday.

T. W. Brunk was in Portland from Monday until Wednesday acting as a judge of the stock show.

Henry Hayden died at his home in Eola, Friday night. He was 71 years old and was the fourteenth and youngest member of his family. Burial took place in Salem, Sunday.

SALT CREEK

Mrs. Gee is on the sick list.

A. Buhler was a Sheridan visitor Saturday.

J. Bowles and family were Dallas visitors last Wednesday.

Bert Hastings has bought an interest in a sawmill on the coast.

The first fog of the season drifted into the valley Wednesday morning.

Mr. Clamfield and son, George, have gone to Portland to engage hop pickers.

MONMOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. Payers left for their home in Moro, Friday.

Hop picking is now in full blast and Monmouth is deserted.

Mr. Prophet has had a new porch built on the front of his house.

I. Vincent, accompanied by his wife, sister and brother, were in Monmouth, Saturday.

Rev. L. C. Hoover went to Portland on business Monday and returned the same day.

Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Fisher, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Davis, of Corvallis, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ecker.

John Nichols, formerly of Monmouth, but now a resident of Albany, was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Howell left for their home in Princeton, Friday, after a two weeks' visit in and around Monmouth.

Mrs. Sacre and Mrs. Dent are running a boarding house across the river from Independence—a good place to stop when you are hungry.

Walter Norton, of Lewisville, was in Monmouth on business the first of the month. He said his hop crop was not as heavy as it was last year.

C. Force, our accommodating barber, is taking an outing in the hop yard. E. T. Henkle, of Independence, is running the shop in his absence.

Last Friday, September 2, a little miss weighing about eight pounds came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hoover and was gladly admitted.

W. Beckley, of Yoncalla, was in town this week. He formerly owned a livery stable at this place. He says times are good in his locality in Southern Oregon.

Miss Esther Fisher left Tuesday for Tillamook, where she will again teach school. This will be her third year there. She has been granted a voluntary raise in wages each year.

George Sullivan is having a serious time with one of his fastest steers poisoning set in from a cut and he is suffering much pain. It is thought that it can be saved without amputation.

FIRE LOSS IS HEAVY

SUMMER OF 1910 WILL HOLD RECORD FOR SEVERITY.

Forests Will Not Be Safe Until Rain Falls—Losses Will Reach Many Millions of Dollars.

Officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture are of the opinion that 1910 will hold the record among many years for the severity of the losses from forest fires. The summer fires followed a spring season believed to have been the worst, certainly in the Lake States, known for a long time. Nor is it wise to assume that the danger is over when the forest conflagrations which have called forth the Mountain States the efforts of three Federal Departments have been conquered. The forests will not be safe until the fall rains and snows have once more made a wet blanket of the dry forest floor. That the total losses of the year will run up to many millions of dollars is considered certain.

How such losses may be prevented is a matter of general public concern. To the National Forest timber burned must be added great amounts on State and private holdings, besides the immense damage done to town, farm, and other property. Railroads have suffered from the interruption of traffic as well as from direct losses. A bulletin by Forester Henry S. Graves discusses forest fires and the proper methods of preventing and fighting them, as follows:

"In some sections of the country forest fires have always been of such common occurrence that there is a popular notion that they can not be prevented. The risk from fires can never be entirely eliminated, for in the forest there is always inflammable material which is very easily ignited. They may, however, be largely prevented, and under efficient organization their damage may be kept down to a very small amount. The problem is like that in cities, where fires can never be entirely eliminated, where the risk of loss to property may be reduced almost to insignificance."

The importance of systematic provision for the early discovery of fires and for getting a properly equipped force of fire fighters quickly to the scene of an outbreak is insisted upon by Forester Graves. "A careful supervision or patrol during the dry season," he says, "is one of the most important measures in organized forest protection. One of the fundamental principles in fire protection is to detect and attack fires in their incipency." After pointing out the value of lookouts, telephone or signal communication and various methods of patrol, the Forester tells how to fight fires, as follows:

"The principles of fighting forest fires are essentially the same as those recognized in fighting fires in cities. The following are of first importance: (1) Quick arrival at the fire; (2) an adequate force; (3) proper equipment; (4) a thorough organization of the fighting crew; and (5) skill in attacking and fighting fires. Quick action, to fire is accomplished through the work of supervision and patrol in discovering fires before they have gained much headway, and by a well developed system of communication through the forest by roads and trails."

"A small fire may be put out by one man, but in extensive forests several men must be before the fire can be reached. It is important to secure an adequate force of men and to get them to the fire quickly. In a well-organized system of patrol the guard who discovers a fire communicates quickly by telephone, signal, or other means, and indicates the number of men he needs."

"The efficiency of the fire-fighting crew depends very largely on their skill and experience, and particularly on the skill and experience of the men directing the work. It is not only a question of knowledge of how to assign each man where his work will be most effective, but there must be judgment exercised in determining the general method of attack. The character of the fire, the character of the forest, the condition of the atmosphere, the strength and direction of the wind; the rapidity with which the fire is running, and many other points have to be taken into consideration."

After describing how surface fires may be put out by beating, by throwing sand or loose earth, and by other methods, the account goes on:

"Sometimes the front of the fire is so fierce that it is impossible to meet it directly. One method under such circumstances is to direct the course of the fire. The attack is made on the sides near the front, separating the forward portion of the fire from the main wings. A part of the crew attacks the forward part and others run down and extinguish the wings. The front of the fire, attacked from the sides, is forced gradually and constantly into a narrower path. Usually the front can be directed toward some cleared space, road, pond, stream, swamp, or fire line, when it will be checked enough to admit of a direct front attack. Sometimes by this plan the front may be rapidly narrowed by working from the sides, until it is at last entirely extinguished. The plan of giving direction to the course of the fire has often been successfully carried out when the fighting crew is too small for a direct attack."

"When fire gain such headway that it is impossible to stop them by direct attack, no matter how numerous and efficient the crew or complete the equipment for fighting, back firing becomes the only means of stopping the fire. It should, however, be used only when it is absolutely necessary. One of the commonest mistakes in fighting fires is to overestimate the rapidity of the fire and the difficulty of putting it out. A forest fire is always a frightening spectacle, particularly if it is sweeping in the direction of one's own property. Men often become excited and start back fires when it is entirely unnecessary. Back firing necessarily involves deliberately burning over property. When this belongs to another person and one's own forest seems in danger, there is a great temptation to sacrifice it."

"If it is found that a back fire is necessary, a favorable point is selected directly in front of the fire, from which to set the new fire. This must be a point where it is safe to start a back fire, such as a road, fire line, stream, or swamp. The leaves are ignited at points five feet to a rod apart for a distance not greater than the estimated width of the head of the fire. These small fires gradually meet and form a continuous line, eating back against the wind. A part of the crew is stationed across the road or other break from which the back fire is started and put out at once the small fire which may result from the sparks blown over from the back fire."

"The meeting of the two fire fronts at once the head of the main fire. It is usually possible then to attack the wings at once, particularly if there is a strong wind, for otherwise such wing of the old fire would soon form an independent fire with a well-developed head. It is necessary, also, that a number of men be stationed where the original fire and the back fire meet in order to extinguish smoldering fires in tops, logs, and other debris."

"A fire is never out," the bulletin concludes, "until the last spark is extinguished. Often a log or snag will smolder unnoticed after the flames have apparently been conquered, only to break out afresh with a rising wind. After the fire-fighting crew has left the ground it is always well to assign at least one man to patrol the edges of the burned area until it is certain that the fire is entirely out. This may not be for several days."

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